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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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FIRST INVENTOR: Toth et al. TITLE Method and System for Low Dose
Image Simulation for Imaging Systems
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11. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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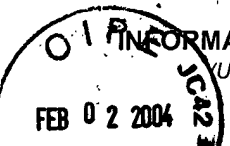
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